GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:505
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BAN ON PTV
RAJO SINGH

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering to take steps at different levels including banning of Pakistan T. V. to counter the propaganda spread by Government of Pakistan;

(b) if so, whether an expert group of High Officials constituted for this purpose has submitted its report to the Government; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) to (c): There is no proposal to ban PTV, at present. Under Section 20 of the CableTelevision Networks Regulation Act 1995, a Committee has been constituted to look into the violations of the Programme Code, prescribed under the said Act and Rules framed there-under. Necessary action is taken on the recommendations of the Committee, fromtime to time. It is the continuous endeavour of the Government to counter propaganda made by Pak TV through suitable programmes on DD/AIRUnder a Special Package, extension and upgradation of Doordarshan`s infrastructure, to increase DD`s coverage inthe border areas, has also been undertaken.